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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7203**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1478

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 8, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Commission for Early Learning and School Readiness.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Porter

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill creates the Commission for Early Learning and School Readiness.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Commission for Early Learning and School Readiness would consist of 31 members. The commission would consist of:

1. Two members of the Senate.
2. Two member of the House of Representatives.
3. The Governor or their designee.
4. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or their designee.
5. The Budget Director or their designee.
6. The Secretary of Family and Social Services or their designee.
7. The Commissioner of the State Department of Health or their designee.
8. The Commissioner of Corrections or their designee.
9. The Commissioner of the Commission for Higher Education or their designee.
10. The State Director of Head Start Collaboration.
11. The Secretary of Professional Standards or their designee.
12. The State Early Childhood Comprehensive Grant Coordinator.
13. The Director of the Center for Exceptional Learners.
14. A representative of institutions of higher learning with a focus on early childhood eaducation.
15. A full-day kindergarten teacher.
16. A half-day kindergarten teacher.
17. A preschool teacher.

18. A director of a child care center licensed in Indiana.
19. A family care provider.
20. A faith based child care provider.
21. A child development specialist or researcher.
22. A curriculum development specialist.
23. A pediatrician.
24. A local early reading first grantee.
25. A public school principal with a full-day kindergarten or early learning initiative.
26. A public school superintendent with a full-day kindergarten or early learning initiative.
27. A member representing business.
28. Two members representing parents.

The Commission is to:

1. Advise the Legislative Council on the most effective policy and methods to improve early learning and school readiness, including:
  - a. Child care
  - b. Preschool.
  - c. Family support services and programs.
2. Develop and implement strategies for early learning and school readiness that include:
  - a. Providing all children ages 3 and 4 with access to high quality prekindergarten programs.
  - b. Involving parents in planning and implementing all early learning and school readiness efforts.
  - c. Providing parents, pediatricians and other who work with children with information regarding cognitive development and the importance of reading to infants.
  - d. Providing access to appropriate health screening and high quality development checkups.
  - e. Focusing on reading.
  - f. Asking employers to invest in the state future workforce by providing high quality child care and prekindergarten options.
  - g. Making high quality full-day kindergarten available to all children.
3. Identify and recommend methods to:
  - a. Strengthen the transition between early learning programs and kindergarten through grade 12 education.
  - b. Strengthen the communication with parents, pediatricians, and others who work with children about the critical role of early learning and school readiness.

The Commission is to operate under the policies governing study committee adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$16,500 per interim for committees with 16 members or more.

The commission is to meet at least four times per year and submit a report to the Legislative Council by November 1 of each year in a electronic format.

### **Explanation of State Revenues:**

### **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Legislative Services Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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